The Intelligencer.

The New York Times devotes an article to the history of the electoral vote.

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After these citations, the Times

"In 1809, John Randolph, of Boanoke

person designated by the Constitution for counting out the votes, the justness of which concession was not then questioned by a member of the House. In the joint convention of that year, Mr. Hillhouse observed that the returns from one of the States appeared to be defective, the Governor's certificate not being attached. No notice was takenot this observation either by the President of the joint meeting or by any member present. On Feb. 14, 1821, Mr. Randolph said he could not 'recognize in this House or the other hone, singly or conjointly, the power to decide on the votes of any State. *

Ile maintained that the Electoral College was as independent of Congress of "them." Mr. Floyd, of Virginia, protected against the assumption of authority over the Electoral vote of a State on the part of Congers. Mr. Archer, of Maryland, was opposed to the House undertaking to proceed in any manner as to the legality of the Electoral votes; it had no right to determine whether a vote should be received or rejected. These, in addition to what we have proceeded before, are the precedents and authorities which must determine by whom the electoral vote shall be counted in February, 1877. If the makers of the Constitution did not know what the counting clause mean, it will take a clearer light than the Confedication. toe makers of the Constitution did not know what the counting clause meant, it will take a clearer light than the Confed-rate breakers of the Constitution can shed upon it to illuminate their and our orderstandings.

What Senator Thurman Nata About an Oregon Case.

The Democracy of Wheeling are supposed to have great regard for the opin lons of Sanator Thurman. He was the choice of many of them, if not of most of them, for President, and when he came here during the campaign to address the sithful they were willing to stand in the mud and rain to listen to his oracu ar utterances.

This being the case, the Wheeling De secracy will be glad to know Thurman's position on the Oregon case. They per-haps observed that he was shy about committing himself on the question during the debate in the Senate on Thursday This may have been because he had committed binnelf to the other side of the section—that is, the side opposed to the action of the Governor of Oregon-in 1872, in the care of the North Carolina

that Governor Vance had been elected U. S. Senator from North Carolina but was ot qualified to serve, his disabilities not having been removed. Abbott claimed the seat on the ground that he was the next highest candidate. During the debate that ensued on the subject Senator

begins on that distinguishes this case from the English cases, and that is; that the weight of judicial decisions in the

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was that Abbott did not get his seat

this case would seem to preclude their gon case, but during these times, wher telling what may be attempted.

Democrats at Washington are not taken capital out of the Oregon case, and while would, if called on, unhesitatatingly profit by the affair, yet, on the other hand, "the great majority of Democrate are

Governor and Elector were illegal, the Republican Senate can not consistently

WELLSBURG ITEMS.-It seems that th 'to do a certain profane something" to the editor of the Herald, and now the

aries paid to county officers, and show how the Republicans set an example to that end in 1866,

visit a few days ago. He lives in Cincin

The editorlof the News no longer trusts political candidates but demands payment in advance

Money Matters at Pittsburgh.

the opening of the new year. WASHINGTON.

A Republican Caucus on the Po-litical Situation.

THE M'CRARY RESOLUTION.

The House Committee on Judiciary have agreed to report favorably on the resolution offered by Representative McCrary yessershay providing for the appointment of a committee, to act in conjunction with a committee of the Senate, to secure a count of the electoral votes and the determination of disputed questions by a tribunal whose authority none can question and whose decision all will accept as final. The committee postponed scilon on the Colorado matter until next Monday.

FORTOPPICE APPROPRIATION SILL.

The House Committee on Appropria-

The House Committee on Appropria-tions to-day assigned to Representatives Holman, Bount and Waldron the prepa-ration of the Postoffice Appropriation bill. This sub-committee will meet to commence their work to-morrow.

The President has nominated Vincent Boring, of Kentucky, as Pension Agent at Lexington.

The President has recognized Charles Hensorten as Consul of Belgium at Chi-

Fatal Accident.

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SECOND SESSION.

BRITONA HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7. Mr. Baker, of Indiana, introduced

Mr. LeMoyne offered the following

eferred. The Judicial Committee about the Mc

duced by him last session, to provide for the issue of silver coin, and to make silver dollars a legal tender, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morton moved that three addi-

A Republican Caucus on the PoHitical Situation.

Washington, D. C. December 8.—The
Republican Senators had a caucus this
morning. There was a considerable in
terchange of views on the political situation, but no action was taken.

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joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in regard to the count of the Electoral vote by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Merrimon objected and read the 21st Joint Rule, providing that unfinished business left over from one session shall not be taken up for action until the lapse of six days from the beginning of a subsequent session. He made a point of order that under that rule the joint resolution could not be considered now.

The Chair (Ferry) overruled the point, and announced that the Joint Rules were not in force. Besides this, the subject was covered by Senate Rule 52, which he idirected to be read. It provides that at the commencement of the second session business shall be resumed and proceeded with as 4 ho adjournment had taken place.

Mr. Merrimon appealed from the decay.

Fatal Accident.

Belmore, O., December 8.—A young man working in the Eagle Stave Factors, at this place, named A. J. Biggs, was instantly killed to-day. He was in the act of changing a belt on the heading machine with a small piece of a heading block, when the block, caught in the belt and drew him against a pulley and broke his force, and the Senate was not competent neck. He was well respected by the citizens of this place. His parents reside in Clinton country, Ohio.

Official Majority of the Missourt Official Majority of the Missouri
Democratic State Ticket.

St. Louis, December 8.—The following is the official vote on the State ticket, Rules had been in force since the existence outed at Jefferson City to-day: Phelps, for Governor, 199.580; Finklenburg, 147,694. Phelps majority, 51,885, the Wellamd Caumi.

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of Congress could not go on without them. He quoted at length from the joint rules and said the authority to ap-point conference committee was derived from the joint rules. The transmission of messages from one House to the other sas in pursuance of the joint rules. Mr. Edmunds said there was a general

Spencer, Tyler, Wadleigh, Wallace, West, Windom and Wright—50.

NAUES—Maxey, Merrimon, Whyte, and Withers—4.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, who would have voted yea, was paired with Mr. Saulsbury, who would have voted in the negative.

ABEERT OR NOT VOTING—Barnum, Bogy, Davis, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Hamlin, Johnston, Jones (of Florida), Jones (of Nevada), Kelly (of Kentucky), Norwood, Oglesby, Ransom, Robertson, Sharon, Stevenson and Thurman.

Mr. Withers introduced a bill for the relief of the owners and purchasers of the

relief of the owners and purchasers of the land sold for the direct taxes in the inland sold for the direct taxe in the insurrectionary States; it was referred.

The Senate took up the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Consitution of the United States, in regard
to the count of the electoral vote, and it
was read before proceeding with the consideration thereof.

The Senate went into executive session
and when the doors opened adjourned
until Monday.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Congressional Committee in Charleston.—The Legislature Threaten Chamberlain for Treason.

COLUMBIA, December 8,-The Congres sional investigating Committee arrived last night. This afternoon the Commit-tee met and organized, and soon drove to the state House. The Republican House and Senate are in session, but have taken no important action. The Committee appointed by the Democratic House yesterdsy, is now in the discharge of its mission, which is to call upon the Officers commanding the United States troops, informing him the House is legally constituted; and request the withdrawal of troops from that building, and if refused to demand by what authority the troops are detained there. The Democratic House has also instructed Judiciary Committee to employ counsel and proceed against D. H. Chamberlain for treasonable acts in usurping the Government of the State; also directing the Committee to ascertain and report what counties are not represented in the House. the State House. The Republican Hon

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Washington, D. G., December 9-1 a. st.

For Tennessee and Ohio Valley, de-

THE BROOKLYN FIRE.

Valley of the Shadow of Beath. New York, December 8.—Brooklyn silierally walking in the valley of the hadow of death. The funerals of such

elf! the place is all ablaze! self! the place is all ablaze! The peo-ple were panic-stricken, and cried out that the stairs were falling behind them. They begged some one for God's sake to let them out. I did not see the stairs fall. Ithink that not more than sevent; five got out. There were perhaps fifty women in the gallery. Turner was buried to-day.

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Chas, Adams who was in the dress circle first saw the fire in the scenery on the left hand corner of the stage. It was then small. The cry of fire was given and all started to rush. The actors told them to keep quiet and they did so. Mr. Studley then said go and go quietly. They then rushed out, and I got knocked down but got up again and took out a lady who was with me. I saw several ladies knocked down in the parquette and others in the vestibule. There was even a flash of fire to the ticket office. From the dress circle to the front entrance the people were all and a partie. to the ticket office. From the dress circle to the front entrance the people were all in a panic; women were knocked down and the crowd rushed over them. I think if the audience had been requested to leave quietly when the fire first broke out, they could have been saved. There might have been trouble in the gallery. I don't think all the people got out of the dress circle. The place was very hot when I left it. I did not hear any of the stars break, but heard the fire on the stars.

stage.

E. M. Richardson was in the gallery. We saw men with poles trying to pull the fire down and the sparks werethen falling. The actors tried to quiet the audience, and some sat down a moment, then a panic ensued, and all rashed for the door. There was a mass of people there when I got to the door. In going down the first flight all were pushing, but on their fest. The lights were up at the flist landing. Near the box office the lights went out and a man felt, and I fell on top of him. Then it seemed that all who followed fell on that heap. The place was dark, and volumes of smoke came up. I was on my face, but was familiar with the stairs, and got out. There was no banister or hand arail. I looked back from the street, but say no got down from the gallery after me. They were all piled up in a heap on the first landing from the street near the box office. I went around to the stage door and it was shut and on fire. I then came back to the front and the police were clearing the streets. The panic and the want of a better means of crit prevented the people from getting out. I was about a minute extricating myself from the stars caused many people to fall, the stars caused many people to fa tage. E. M. Richardson was in the galler;

instrumental music will be under the direction of L. Conterpo, band master of the 23d regiment.

The actors, both masculine and feminine, with characteristic generosity, have promptly volunteered their services in aid of the fund for the relief of the suffering and impoverished surviving relatives of the dead. Clara Morris, Rose Eytinge and J. T. Raymond are conspicuous volunteers, and Mr. Mc-Vicker has tendered the services of Edwin Booth. The members of the theatrical profession have sppointed a committee to communicate with every manager in the United Statas and ask co-operation in the raising of funds. J. T. Ford, it was promised, would give the proceeds of a performance in each of his theatres in Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. Harry S. Griffith, who was in the dress circle with his wife, writes to Fire Marshal Keady, saying, we were the last to leave our seats; we tried to escape by the doorway in the corner near where we were sitting, over which were the words exitt Johnson street; we were driven back by the smoke and fire that was making its way through the partition, and when we turned around to go toward the main entrance, all the people in the dress circle had got into the lobby, but found it was blocked and that we could get no further. At that moment we were overwhelmed by the smoke, and after being nearly sufficated we escaped. I am sure there was no one in the dress circle behind us, and with the comption of the officers of the first precint of Brooklyn had refused to allow certain men to escape by means of the grating from the basement of the theatre during the fire is most emphatically contradicted by Capt. Smith and his depaties. They say that women were rescued through the grating in question, that they were unsecompanied. They also declare that this part of the theatre was searched by the itremen after the siarm had been given and was found to be empty.

Altogether 299 bodies have be

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE TURKING WAIT

A large meeting was held at St. James Hall to-day, styling itself the "Nationa Conference on the Eastern Question."

Benefit for the Brooklyn Theatre Nufferers.

NEW YORK, December 8 .- At a meet-New YORK, December 8.—At a meeting of actors and actresses yesterday, to arrange for a benefit for the Brooklyn Theatre sufferers, every regular theatre and minartel troupe in New York and Erosklyn were represented, and a large number of theatrical people were represented individually. In addition, a resolution was adopted that every theatrical manager in the country be asked to contribute the proceeds of one performance to the relief fund.

The Election Committee. The Election Committee.

WASHINOTON, December S.—Representative Lawrence, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, has appointed the following named gentlemen to constitute the Committee authorized yesterday, to take late consideration the subject of the recent election etc., and report from time to time such recommendations as they deem proper; Representatives Hewit. Payne, Wood, Randall, Sparke, Holman, Stephens, Watterson, Atkins and Jamaz.

The Florida State Canvass.

The Florida Mate. Canvass.

Tallahlassee. December 8.—The Canvassing Board concluded the canvass for Governor and members of Congress with the following result, the Attorney-General refusing to sign the canvass: For Governor Sterns, 468 majority; Lieut. Gov. Montgomery, 304 majority; for Congress, Purman, 295 majority; Bushee, 141; both Republicans.

FIRE RECORD. Another Theatre Fire.

BROOKLYN, December 8.—A fire broke out in the Adelphia Theatre this morn-ing and the entire interior of the building was consumed.

- Farnest Gerard was arrested in New

York to-day, charged with murde Blanche Bunecan in San Trancisco. Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.

PHILADLIPIA, December S.—Petroleum—Firm; reined \$1 26/421 27; crade

37c. Clover Seed—14a15c. Flour—Firm;
Minnesota famlly \$6 25a6 75. Wheat—Dull;
western red \$1 431 amber \$1 45a1 47; white
\$1 40a1 45. Bye—Sohāfe. Corn—Old Searce;
yellow 61c; new 62a56c. Data—Quiet; western mixed 35a40c. Butter—Firm; New
York and Bradford county extra 32a30c;
firsts 25a50c. Cheese—Dull and nominal.
Eggs—Western fesh 29a31e. Whisky—
Western \$1 10.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Money and Stocks.

RAILROAD BONDS—Quiet.
STATE BONDS—Dull.
STOCKS—Strong and higher in the ear
art of the day, and prices advanced
per cent, with Lake Shore as the featu

for four days 17,710 head. Yorkers \$5 35a 5 60; Philadelphins \$5 70. SHERE—Receipts to-day 400 head; total for four days 10,600 head. Selling at \$3 50a

Italtimore. Baltimore.

Baltimore.
Firm. Wheat—Dull; Western red \$1 40.
Corn—Mixed old firm; new weak; old 60 kg;
new 58 kg. Oats—Dull at 37 a39 c.
Firm at 70 a76c. Clover Seed—Dull at 14s
15c. Provisions—Quiet and steady. Butter—Unchanged Petroleum—Crude easier at
12 kg/12 kg; refuned 26 kg26 kg. Coffee—
Quiet; Rio cargoes 16 a19 kg. Whisky—
Dull at \$1 09 kg.

New York Dry Goods.

New York, December 8.—Package trade in light weight cassimeres and prints more active, but business generally confuned quiet. Cotton goods ruled steady, and Kearaarge satins advanced. Drass goods in moderate request. Shawls continue dull. Hostery foir. Foreign goods dull. Tol. Hoo, December 8.—Flour— Stoady, Wheat-Steady; No. 3 white Wabash \$1.27\fmu No. 1 white Michigan \$1.34; amber spot and December \$1.35\fmu; No. 3 red spot and December \$1.24\fmu; rejected red \$1.14\fmu. Corn—Steady; high mixed \$69\fmu; new 47c; new yellow 47. Oats—Firm; white \$39\fmu; Michigan 35c.

Pitrissunon, Docember 8.—Petroleum— Market firm and active; orude \$3 97%4400 at Parker's; refined 26%0, Philadelphia de-livery.

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